Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By the time you receive this, we will have completed our long-anticipated Joint Synod. The plans for this synod were first begun nearly three years ago. We are now, I pray, celebrating the results of that synod. I learned long ago that one must never review a play before one actually sees it. But I do confess that this rule may be broken even as these words are being written. Still, if the planning process is any indication of the future success of the Joint Synod, it will have been remarkable indeed. Grammarians among you will appreciate the use of the future perfect tense in this letter. But I believe Our Lord was expert in the use of that very tense. (And I know He used it with greater certainty).

The Joint Synod will have brought together four Continuing Anglican jurisdictions, church bodies that have been separated from each other for nearly forty years. Indeed, the forty years we have been wandering and separated from each other has taught us a vital lesson: God wants us to be together – and so should we.

The major event of the Joint Synod will have been the signing of a communio in sacris agreement. As many of us know, this agreement allows us to receive communion at each other’s altars. It allows our clergy to transfer more easily from one jurisdiction to another. Most importantly, it acknowledges that we are indeed members of one church, One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Although we are not yet in full organic union, we are certainly moving in that direction. And I predict that we will witness many positive developments as we move forward to full unity.

We will need much prayer, great humility and the grace of God to accomplish this great work.

I have spoken to bishops on a regular basis about our then upcoming Joint Synod. A few weeks ago, I talked at length with a bishop who is also a very good friend. He has begun to tell people that the move toward full organic union is a little like putting together a jigsaw puzzle. I know all about jigsaw puzzles. My wife, Ljuba, is a big fan of Jigsaw puzzles. Every Summer she collects some of the most challenging thousand-piece puzzles and brings them with her on vacation. She is very methodical when she sets out to put all the pieces together. She collects the border pieces in one bowl, then places the pieces that have similar characteristics in other bowls. The bishop noted that we are bringing
together jurisdictions that are very similar in color. They are like the separate pieces that have been collected in one bowl. Though we may not have the border pieces to frame our puzzle (and, besides, that would make things too easy!), we do have pieces that are virtually identical in color, shade and hue. We fit the pieces together. They fit perfectly. We do see the lines that separate each distinct piece. Clearly, they are still the unique and individual pieces of this puzzle we are completing. But we have arrived at a very important point. Our next task is to eliminate those curvy lines that separate those separate puzzle pieces. Only then will the work be completely finished and the puzzle no longer a puzzle. Perhaps at that time we will see the reflected face of God smiling on our efforts to come together as faithful Christians in one truly unified church.

We are also preparing for our own diocesan synod. This will be the twenty-sixth diocesan synod convened here in the Diocese of the Northeast. I welcome all who come together to do the temporal work of our diocese. This is important and necessary work and I offer my grateful thanks to each one of you who have made the journey to New Hampshire. We have much to do as we gather together in Nashua and Amherst, New Hampshire. I pray that our work together will be joyous and productive. Please meet your old friends and make new friends. All who are here are faithful Christians. Enjoy the fellowship and the worship.

I did promise to use the future perfect, so this letter should end with a grammatical flourish. We pray that this synod, along with the Joint Synod in Atlanta will have been an example of God's grace and favor.

Your Brother in Christ,

+Brian

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Notes from the Secretary

Where did the summer go?! Hope your summer provided ample time for R&R! The Joint Synod (Atlanta, Oct. 2-6; ACA synod, Oct. 4-5) and the Diocesan Synod in Nashua, NH (October 26-28) will be here before you know it. Thanks to those of you who are serving as delegates to one or both of these synods. And many thanks to clergy and laity who serve the diocese and the national church on various boards, committees, councils, etc.

Since my last ACA news notes, two men in our diocese have been ordained deacons. Congratulations to Deacon Thomas Stone (Holy Cross) and Deacon Leroy Weed (St. Thomas). We are looking forward to the ordinations of Deacon Philip Cunningham (St. Nicholas) and Deacon Gary Drinkwater (Ang. Church of the Transfiguration) to the priesthood in September. May God bless all of these men in their ministries.

The items below might be helpful for your budget planning and record keeping. I’ve spoken of the support items below in the past, but since several parish and clergy changes have come about in the last couple of years I decided it might be a good idea to print them again.

Items of interest and suggested guidelines are:

**Diocesan support** — 12.5% of the current year plate and pledge collections or $250 per year, whichever is greater. This supports the operating expenses of the diocese. The financial report you’ll receive at synod gives you a breakdown of these expenses.

**Suggested Payment guideline:** No less than quarterly. Monthly for parishes with pledge and plate income greater than $600 per month. (please note DNE support on your check)

**National Church Support** — $30 per Voting Communicant as reported on your prior year annual parochial report. The diocese is canonically required to support the operational expenses of the ACA National Church based on this. The diocese receives financial grants and assistance from the ACA for such things as missionary growth, evangelism and youth programs (e.g., summer camp).

**Suggested Payment guideline:** Quarterly or monthly, paid in full by 12/31. (please note National Church on your check)

All checks should be made out payable to the Diocese of the Northeast.

Any parish or mission may request a statement at any time by emailing Treasurer Kathy Lippman (kathyL@dsfpca.com).

Printing and mailing costs of The Northeast Anglican are also supported by your contributions. Guidelines are included on your annual report form. The paper is now electronically posted on the diocesan website. If your parish doesn’t require hard copies (i.e., in-house, can print, make copies, and distribute), we’d like to know. The NEA is a very valuable means of keeping all of us in touch with other. Not everyone is comfortable with electronic versions so it’s important to ensure that the NEA reaches all of our members and friends.

I’m looking forward to seeing many of you at the Synods.

----- Peace, Linnea

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St. Luke

It has been a busy summer here at St. Luke's. Our thanks to Jason DiPietro who has created a new website for us which is outstanding and hopefully will extend the touch of St. Luke's in the area. While giving thanks I must mention Laurie DiPietro who organized our efforts for the 4th of July celebration on the Amherst Green. This is something we have been doing for many years now and gives us the opportunity for important and festive outreach to the community. It is a lively meet and greet experience for all. Children love the fish tank where they hear Bible verses and receive prizes. Adults interact with members and clergy in a meaningful and fun atmosphere. Once again, cake pops (250 of them!) were donated by Cupcakes 101 for us to hand out. Delicious!

Our bible studies on Tuesday night and Saturday morning have continued through the summer. On July 9, Father Jim Long, our missionary to Indonesia, was our guest preacher. He preached from Romans 8: 18-23 reminding us that this world is not our ultimate home, and that in many ways we are Christians resemble the story of the Ugly Duckling. Following the service we watched a slideshow and heard about his work in planting a church, mentoring interns, preaching to school children, and spreading the love and good news of Jesus Christ in a predominantly Muslim community.

Father Long and his family were in New Hampshire for a short vacation and we were thrilled to have the opportunity to meet the whole family. Our prayers and thoughts go with them as they return to Jakarta.

---Submitted by Lee Garre

Canandaigua, NY
Holy Redeemer Anglican Church

After an unusually soaking spring, we are continuing with an unusually soaking summer. Plans to build an ark are underway. Flooding has occurred in many areas, especially those surrounding lakes and rivers and streams. But new areas are being flooded, which normally show no signs of water.

Our own family's property, with usually dry ground surrounding it, despite many natural springs and a high water table, became almost an island in mid-July, when torrential rains dumped nearly three inches of water in thirty minutes. The next day, more rain came at a much reduced rate, but the end of the driveway was overrun with a small river. I watched in disbelief as the water pushed something across the driveway towards the drainage ditch: a 6-inch crayfish! And a few days earlier, I had just been craving a lobster roll...

Holy Redeemer parish is growing! We have two more members since spring, both of whom have taken active roles in our parish. Karen DesCamp took over our treasurer duties when our former treasurer left town unexpectedly, and she has quickly restored order to our records. And David Coir has just begun his studies for ordination. It is a pleasure to see those pews filling up!

Rev. Dale and Nancy Bove' went on a tropical cruise to celebrate his 80th birthday in late July, and returned for a grand party with family and friends in early August. Congratulations!

For ten days at the end of July, Cameron Jones attended the New York Wing Encampment of Civil Air Patrol as a cadet flight sergeant. He had recently achieved the rank of Cadet Senior Master Sergeant. During his week there, he celebrated his 16th birthday with a flight on a C-130! Wally and I were present at the end of the week for the graduation ceremony, held at Stratton Air National Guard Base (109th Airlift Wing) in Scotia, near Schenectady, NY. After a week of much rain, Saturday dawned sunny and cool, and it was an impressive ceremony. Over 130 cadets, plus cadet staff and command staff participated in the graduation ceremony along with some dignitaries and an Air Force general, as parents and family members looked on from the hangar. Out on the flight line were three CAP Cessnas, and four C-130s. More than 30 American flags were held proudly by a group of Patriot Guard riders standing near their motorcycles. On the tarmac, in the center of the flight line, was a fire engine with ladder raised, holding aloft a large American flag. Impressive, to say the least. But also looking on were some very special guests, who brought tears to my eyes when they were introduced. Five WWII veterans, and a 97-year-old female RAF veteran who served in Great Britain by supporting RAF pilots, each
accompanied by their Patriot Guard escorts, presented various awards to the cadets.

Each veteran went to the podium, listened to a brief introduction of him/herself, and then presented the award to a deserving cadet. Veteran and cadet saluted each other, and then hugged, to the thunderous applause of the crowd. I was thankful for the autofocus feature on my camera as I took pictures, as I would not have been able to focus manually through the tears. When the ceremony ended, I was able to meet each of those veterans, to shake their hands and embrace them, and to thank them personally. I was proud of each of them: Cameron, of course, and his fellow cadets and cadet staff; the CAP command staff; the 109th Airlift Wing; the Encampment Commandant, Lt. Col. David Panzena; the Patriot Guard volunteers; the parents and families and friends in attendance; and all of the men and women, boys and girls, who volunteer their time to serve in the Civil Air Patrol, the volunteer branch of the USAF. Most of all, I was proud of those WWII veterans, as I remembered my father serving in the Pacific islands during that time, and I was proud to be an American. I was proud to be the beneficiary of their heroico service. I am thankful for the gift that those veterans, indeed, that every veteran, has given us. It is priceless.

[For more information, including photos and videos of the encampment, please see
www.encampment.nywgcadets.org and
www.facebook.com/NYWgEncampment.
There is a wonderful video on Youtube as well: www.youtube.com/watch?v=UxPeoN4xuYs.]

----- Diane S. Jones

Webster, New York
Holy Cross

Thankfulness: at Holy Cross there is so much to be thankful for that it is hard to begin. Often it does not feel that way, but that is when we must put our trust where it belongs in God. The first thank you goes to Kate Chamberlain who has tirelessly written for our church for many years and many editions of the North East Anglican. Our congregation expresses our sincere thanks for her tremendous efforts. She has a gift for writing and hope she continues with her own works. Secondly, Harry Hoyen and others have worked for almost two years regarding the replacement of our roof and with efforts from the parish, friends, neighbors, insurance with the aid of mother nature’s storm in April, the roof will be done by the end of the year. This effort has been monumental. We continue to have beautiful music on our Tracker Organ from Saint Martin in the Field, London. Elaina a student at the Eastman School of music has been sharing her gifts with us for nearly 2 years.

This last year 2 individuals stepped out of the shadows to help. My words can not express the gratitude that our parish has for Father Ihde and Deacon Cunningham from St. Nicholas in West Seneca, NY. They stepped in to support our congregation by providing Holy Communion Service on the first Sunday of the month and Reserve Sacrament the third Sunday. Father Ihde has also been an incredible mentor to our own Deacon Tom Stone. With the three together and the support of Gerry Quenell providing morning prayer our parish has been given so much. The Altar Guild was able to add a beautiful new fair linen to the altar too. On June 17, 2017, Tom Stone completed his coursework and educational studies and was Ordained as a Deacon by Bishop Marsh. It was a very blessed weekend! During this time is was announced that by appointment of Bishop Marsh, Father Robert Ludwig from near Baltimore, Maryland would be the interim priest of Holy Cross. The hopes for the new year are high and a potluck lunch is planned for his first Sunday in September with his family.

Left to right: Dcn. Phillip Cunningham, Fr. Robert Ludwig, Fr Ed Ihde, Dcn. Tom Stone at Holy Cross for a reception for Father Ludwig and family.

As Interim rector, I write my first submission for Holy Cross Anglican Church in this newsletter, and I am filled with overwhelming Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for providing this opportunity to work in this portion of His vineyard, named Holy Cross, in Webster, New York.

I am so thankful, as well, to the good, loving, and faithful people of Holy Cross for their most warm, wonderful, and loving reception. My wife, Rebecca, and I have felt so welcome and cared for by this great member of Christ’s body.

I further thank The Most Right Reverend Brian Marsh for considering me, and appointing me to this most sacred charge.

As I begin at Holy Cross, my family and I have been met with, and welcomed by, a wonderful family of worshipful, faithful, and enthusiastic Christians looking to worship our Lord and grow, strengthen and protect His Holy Bride.

The weeks and months before us are, by God’s grace, to be filled with great worship and many opportunities for fellowship in our English high teas, and picnics, etc.

This Interim term will also be filled with the work of the church. In addition to preaching the Gospel always and seeking opportunities to reach out to the
The kids have returned home from St. Luke’s Summer Camp filled with stories and new friends. This year the theme of “Star Wars the real force” was brought alive in a play written by our Bishop himself. Margie Bowen attended for her fourth year and took along her younger brother Jacob. Jacob really enjoyed the water trampoline and enjoyed learning about a new strength of his acting. Many thanks to Father Matt and his gang of instructors especially Diane Jones who has been a major force for good for all campers. They hope to see more of their friends back at camp next year.

Ordination in Webster

On June 17, 2017, at Holy Cross, Webster, N.Y., Thomas Stone, Ph.D., was ordained to the sacred office of Deacon by Bishop Marsh.
Rochester, NH
Trinity

Church Picnic: We kicked off our summer with a church picnic here at Trinity in late June. It was a perfect day and we had all of our church family out for the event, bringing friends and other family members too.

Butch Lewis did an excellent job at manning the grill. He single-handedly and joyously served up burger after burger, chicken after chicken, hot dog after hot dog.

Butch is a happy cook and also provides all the cooking for our Reboot Combat Recovery program. And there was lots of food available inside as well. Fr. Mirabilie's wife, Inger, and Leslie duelled for the best potato salad and many others contributed delectables as well. One thing is for sure, we know how to do food!

There were lots of children running around and they had a ball (literally) in the field adjacent to the church, which had been turned into an activity center. Kids played catch with their dads, and some folks just sat out in the shade watching the kids play.

More joyous than anything else were the connections and conversations enjoyed together. Trinity has changed and grown over the last year with many new members attending. It was a good opportunity for the newer members to rub shoulders with established members and build relationships. Fred Perry, Our senior warden, was keen to capitalize on this and wasted no time recruiting people to needed duties in the church. Meanwhile, Fr. Matt was deep in conversation about spiritual things with some of the newer members of the church.

Trinity is growing, not just in numbers, but in depth, in spirituality, and in service. We are amazed at what God has been doing over the last year and look forward with eagerness to what He will do in the future!

Bob’s Brunch:
Bob Lovo is our treasurer and all around great guy. He lives in York and his wife’s family, the Sewalls, have been there since the 1700’s. Bob graciously offered to host a gathering of established and recent members of the church, an opportunity to eat and have fun together. It was hot out, so everyone was enjoying the air conditioned space inside.

Steve M. played the piano and we enjoyed more good food. Latter on Fr. Matt, Inger and our junior warden, Mike McKinnon enjoyed time outside on the deck with Bob and Jan. Bob was a great host and we really enjoyed his guest house and hospitality.


Then, on the 4th of July weekend, Bob invited Fr. Matt and his wife Inger to take a few days off and enjoy his guest house. They were joined by their good friends, the Rev. Jim King and Deborah, who pastors a church in Portland. It turned out they needed a break too. They relaxed by the jacuzzi and fancy gas fired fire pit, created some wonderful meals (Fr. Jim and Fr. Matt both like to cook) and went to the beach.

For most of our parishioners, the summer is time to enjoy some lakeside fun. Many of our families have a camp on a lake somewhere and, well, off they went. Mitchel invited Fr. Matt’s family boating one Sunday. Others went on cross-country rv trips too.

In mid July Fr. Matt left for his yearly motorcycle getaway for alone time riding and camping. He is an avid motorcyclist.

Once back it was time to make the final preparations for St. Luke’s camp, which was the second week of August. The camp was great, but that will be another story.

Now as we wind down the summer and get ready for fall we are preparing for our next New Members Class and we are getting ready to launch our next Reboot Combat Recovery course, beginning September 21st. We’ve had a number of visitors during the summer and many of them are returning over and over again. We hope to see you among our new visitors soon!

----------from the website

Raymond, Maine
Our Benedictines

The weekly Meditation that Fr. Kevin puts out on the Internet continues to be received and shared up and down the Eastern seaboard and across the country as well by an ever growing list of single subscribers and churches as well. Fr. Kevin is also available by appointment to hear confessions and for spiritual counselling as well.
Fall will be upon us soon, and with that comes All Soul’s Day. Masses are said for the dearly departed at the Priory at the request of the living. Your lists may be sent to the Priory at Servants of the Holy Family, 4 Shaw Rd. Raymond, Maine 04071 or e-mailed to klamarre@maine.rr.com. Subscriptions can also be requested at this e-mail.

Winter follows fall and as we know here in the Northeast it means snow and cold. This is the time of year when we especially need your help to feed and otherwise care for the animals in our care. We are always gratefully looking for regular “Animal Angel” donors and any amount given regularly or randomly, is so much appreciated by these very deserving creatures of God. Your tax deductible donations may also be sent to the address above and marked “for the animals”.

May God continue to bless you all as you enjoy the beauty of the coming seasons.

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Mary Francis OSB

**Scarborough, Maine**

**St. Augustine of Canterbury Church**

"We who had sweet fellowship together
Walked in the house of God in the throng."
*(Psalm 55:14)*

As usual the folks at St. Augustine’s have been very busy this summer spreading the word and reaching out. I sometimes think of winter. So many places are closed – sometimes including the streets – and it seems easier to “be still” and know that He is God. But summertime is very different. Shops are open. Streets are busy. Visitors come and go. And life at St. Augustine’s gets very energetic.

We started the summer with a parish picnic. The Spears opened their home and invited us to enjoy a cookout and croquet on the lawn. Hamburgers and hot dogs were masterfully grilled by Val Kazarian and Ed Pettit and Shyla had a buffet spread that was just wonderful. Mike McKinnon chauffeured up by his daughter, Lily, who got to drive the whole way up and back from New Hampshire. Some time was spent trying to predict if the black cloud coming in fast from the west would bring rain. It did – requiring hasty relocation of the charcoal grill. Mostly the afternoon was spent in relaxed fellowship and fun.

St. Augustine’s is a Mission that has always thought of itself as a "real" church. Moving toward that goal, we developed both a Finance Committee and a Growth Committee. Both committees have met to create organizational documents and to begin to make recommendations to the Vestry about their specific areas of expertise. Our steps in some ways seem small but they are steady and productive so they should, with God’s help, be moving us in the right direction. "Thy will be done."

Vine & Branches gets most of its outreach work done during the second half of the year. We spend the first half raising funds and the second half carrying out the projects. This year we were again able to provide seventy-two backpacks stuffed with school supplies to three school districts in southern Maine.

This is enough backpacks for 100% of the homeless students in those districts. This was the project's tenth year and it is much anticipated each year. This year, Shyla Spear was able to bring her niece and nephew, Kathleen and Marcus, to the church to help with the Stuffing of the Backpack Ceremony. Having young people involved adds a dimension of outreach and gives them a sense of public service. We were most grateful to all the "stuffers" and hope they will join us on other projects.

St. Augustine’s has developed a relationship with the southern Maine shelter for homeless veterans. Earlier in the summer we provided them with the makings of a cookout - including watermelon. It was a carload of food that the residents really appreciated. Tomorrow we are taking them a "Breakfast of Champions" which will be the makings for a full and complete breakfast. The residents and the staff coordinate a time and place for their congregate meals when we provide these special supplies to them. So every month or so, they are getting not only a special meal but they are able to make a special event out of it. The next meal we provide will be a Holiday Dinner – a full home cooked turkey dinner with all the fixin’s.

We started the summer with fellowship and we ended with fellowship. Today we were involved in the First Annual Anglo-Fest and Bocce Ball Competition. Five parishes in Southern Maine and New Hampshire gathered in Alfred, Maine for a Communion Service, lunch and fellowship.

Transfiguration from Mechanic Falls, Maine; St. Paul’s in Portland, Maine; Trinity in Rochester, NH and St. Margaret’s in Conway, NH and St.
Augustine's were all there and had a wonderful time. Father Jeff officiated with Deacon Gary and Deacon Harry assisting. Tracy provided the music and the rest of us participated with gusto. Father Matt was coordinating the bocce ball activities on the lawn and seemed to have everything well in hand. It was a terrific time to mingle and get to see people we haven't seen in a while and to meet people we hadn't met before. One big, happy family.

We at St. Augustine's hope you will all continue to have a safe, happy, healthy summer. Advent will be here before we know it but we will make the most of summer while we still have it. Until we "meet" again, we wish you peace.

"And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."
Hebrews 13:16

Val Kazarian

We pray for the people of Texas.
We pray for all the unchurched people in our community.

-----John Serrage

Betty L. (Hanson) Trynor, of Portland, and Englewood, Fla., passed away on July 20, 2017, with her family by her side. She was born in Edmunds, Maine, Oct. 29, 1929, to Ralph B. Hanson and Sadie (Mahar) Hanson. She was in the first class to graduate from the then New Jackson High, and graduated from Portland High School in 1948. She was a Cub Scout den mother for many years and volunteered with a local color guard. She took great pride in bringing The Irish Children Friendship Program of Northern Ireland to Maine and hosting several children over the years. For the past four years she was a Foster Grammy at Lyseth School. She was active in her church, where she taught Sunday school, was in choir and ladies guild, served on the vestry as secretary, junior warden and senior warden, going to synod meetings from Portland, Maine, to Portland Oregon, and five other states.

Portland, Maine
St. Paul

We started the summer with another fantastic African wedding. Another of Father Amos' daughters was marrying a boy from Iowa. Again the dowry ceremony was held her and the Christian wedding was in Iowa. She also has started dental hygienist training at the local college. When the family came together for the ceremony we also got to meet Father Amos' first grandchild. What a charmer.

Later this summer the parish suffered a tremendous loss, at the death of Betty Trynor, one of our most devoted members. In memory of her death and her full life for the church we hope to carry out the plans she had started and presented to the vestry. These included a yard sale, a restarting of the Christmas Fair, and a new edition of the Parish Cookbook. The yard sale is planned for October, in conjunction with another bake sale.

We do want to become better known to our community and help the people here fight the terrible drug epidemic.

The cruise season is starting and we always enjoy meeting people from all over the world.

We pray for the people suffering from drug dependence in our community.

Mechanic Falls, Maine
Church of the Transfiguration

Memorial Day: Reverend Gary Drinkwater and Deacon Steve Bunnell began Sunday services at the Anglican Church of the Transfiguration, Mechanic Falls on Sunday, May 28 by honoring veterans from past conflicts and offered prayers of memorial to both friend and foe. Church member Pamela Nicolazzo recited names from the community and church family members who had served in the military. Bill Quackenbush struck the bell after each name was announced.

We count our blessing for having good attendance through the summer months. The enthusiasm and dedication of our parishioners is never ceasing!

On Saturday, June 17th we held our first yard sale, with the Mechanic Falls Historical Society, on the front lawn of the church.
It was the weekend of the Mechanic Falls Community Days which featured a parade, horse drawn wagon rides, exhibits, and food concessions. Rev. Gary sold "Deacon Dogs", chips and soda! The Quilt Show had a wonderful display of beautiful quilts over every pew in the church. There were plenty of helpers on hand, many, many folks buying and seeing our church, and it was a successful day financially.

On Sunday, July 16th, 2017 Rev. Gary performed the first Baptism in our church. Both a mother and her 3 month old daughter were baptized. The church had a reception for the family after the service to celebrate the occasion.

On Thursday, August 17th, Transfiguration and the Historical Society planned an Ice Cream Social and a Barbershop Quartet starting at 6:30pm. Over 70 tickets were sold. After the performance, everyone went downstairs to Fellowship Hall for brownies or cake topped with homemade ice cream and all the toppings you can imagine!! A wonderful evening had by all.

On Sunday, September 10th, the church and Historical Society have organized an Organ Concert at 3pm. Along with Organ music there will be a violinst, a cello player, a harpist, and a bagpipe! Refreshments will follow.

On Friday, September 22nd, church parishioners are having a celebration dinner for Rev. Gary. On Saturday, September 23rd, Rev. Gary's Ordination as a Priest will be held at our Church of the Transfiguration. Over 100 people are expected to attend as well as many clergy. We are delighted and BLESSED!

**MIRACLE ON ELM STREET**

A year ago we found ourselves without a church. We were no longer being spiritually fed on Sunday mornings in the Episcopal Church. The service was not consistent to what we knew years ago. So we began searching for a church with traditional values where the word of God is heard and where politics is left at the door.

Our search was short when we discovered the Anglican Church. We became aware of an Episcopal Deacon who was attending an Anglican church in Portland. His name is Gary Drinkwater. He had been an Episcopal Deacon for over 16 years. His life long ambition and dream was to become a Priest one day and have his own church. We met with him and his wife to see what he thought about making his dream come true! We were seeking the same kind of worship service which we found in the Anglican Church.

Our goal was to establish an Anglican Mission Church in central Maine, covering the Oxford Hills and the Lewiston/ Auburn areas. In mid-August we met with the Bishop of the Diocese of the Northeast to discuss the possibility. The Bishop was enthused with the idea and offered his full support. We had a Pastor to fulfill this new ministry however we needed a facility or church to hold Sunday services.

In September, we began to search for a place that would be central to those communities. We went to the Town Manager of Mechanic Falls. She said there were two churches. One was on Main Street and the other was on Elm Street. The Main Street church was in the process of being torn down. The Elm Street Church was next on the list to be taken down. The Historical Society tried to keep it occupied for a few years after the Congregational Church closed its doors. However, the funds were not there to keep it open any longer.

So here is where the Miracle comes in! We attended a town hall meeting along with the Historical Society folks and presented our position. The Town Council voted unanimously to let us occupy the building to hold our Sunday services once we obtained insurance on it. They offered to give us the Deed to the building if we made a commitment to financially take care of the church. We also agreed to allow the Historical Society to stay and occupy a part of the church.

The four founders, my wife and I, Gary and his wife, worked diligently on cleaning and painting the old church to restore it back to life again. After many hours of dedication, we scheduled an Open House on October 29, 2016 at 2pm. We had a wonderful turnout!

Our first Anglican Sunday service was held on November 27th at 10:00am. It began with a small congregation. An article in the local newspaper mentioned that we were looking for an organist. After many hours of dedication, we scheduled an Open House on October 29, 2016 at 2pm. We had a wonderful turnout!
We were soon blessed with a growing congregation in the New Year. We did many fund raisers to expose our church to the public. As the months went by our congregation grew. By the summer, we were up to 34 members. We knew it was time that Deacon Gary becomes a Priest as soon as possible in his new church. In June, Gary met with the Clergy Examining Board to review his qualifications to become an Anglican Priest. He passed with flying colors and is ready to be ordained. The church is preparing for this blessed event.

With the Grace of God and the Bishop, Gary will become the Priest he has been longing to be on September 23, 2017. His life long dream will finally come true. And wife and his 90 year old mother will also see his dream fulfilled.

It hasn’t been quite a year since all this started to take place. It is amazing to all of us how it has all come together and how we have all come together to celebrate “The Miracle On Elm Street”.

---Barry Vail

Concord, N.H.
All Saints

Summer always begins with the solemn celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi. The Parish of All Saints opens its doors to the Diocese of the Northeast to join in contemplating the Mystery of Christ in Holy Communion. Rich in the medieval pageantry and with grateful hearts for the Gift of Jesus Himself, the parishioners process around the church precincts with canopy and song, like the children of the Hebrews with the Ark of the Covenant, singing of God’s mercy and love, with Christ enthroned in the jeweled monstrance. Fr. David Moody, of Good Shepherd Parish, joined in the festivities, and after the liturgical celebration, a great feast was had in which guests, family and parish enjoyed food and fellowship, all centered around Christ, Our Living Bread.

To be invited to present at the prestigious St. Paul’s School (Episcopal) in Concord at the summer session (on July 26, by invitation of a young professor), can be a challenge. Fr. Christian Tutor, Educational Trust Fund Chairman of New Hampshire Right to Life, and Susan Clifton, ETF Board member, were called to give a rationale of Life, as it pertains to ethics in biological science. Students from around the State of New Hampshire attended the class: the best and brightest in their districts. In an extended seminar, Fr. Christian started with a basic question: ‘What are ethics?’ Many and varied answers came and were written on the dry erase board. Next question ‘What actions do you consider wrong?’ The answers were more precise: ‘killing,’ ‘stealing,’ ‘lying,’ etc. most agreed that the answers given were against ethical behavior. Asked ‘where’ did these ideas of right and wrong come from, most students did not know an answer of Natural Law that is informed by Divine Law. Students from a public system were surprised that the 10 Commandments were the basis for our governmental law! The seminar was a shock period of instruction for these student scholars who looked wide-eyed when told that an informed ethical decision is not based on ‘feeling’ alone but on a well-formed conscience. Susan and Fr. Christian doing the tag team approach, which suited this seminar best, planted the seeds in the minds of the young about Life. A follow-up email from the class professor told them that: ‘your presentation moved some to confirm their stance on the primacy of a life option.’ One child at a time is all it takes to change the world.

As a preparation for the upcoming Communio in Sacris, with the Anglican Province in America, Fr. Christian was invited to St. Barnabas Anglican Church in Dunwoody, Georgia, to give a summer mission, August 18-20, on St. Mary, entitled, Higher than the Cherubim: St. Mary the Glory of Christendom. It was an intensive study into the historic, liturgical, and scriptural place that Our Lady holds in Catholic tradition. The participants in the conferences were from many Christian paths: Baptist, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Methodist, and all had a unique view on the place Mary holds in Christendom. Unfolding scripture and tradition, Fr. Tutor mapped the beauty of Our Lady’s role in Salvation History, and how Anglicans are indebted to Orthodox theology for giving a rich lexicon in which to praise God through her.

Bishop Chandler Jones, the Rector of St. Barnabas, was ecstatically pleased with the results and had Fr. Christian preach at the Masses on Sunday morning, to give those that were not able to attend the conferences a taste of his oratorical style and scriptural insights. Anyone who has witnessed Fr. Tutor’s preaching style, knows that he is not ‘tied’ to the pulpit, but wanders through the church while giving his sermon. A witness to this ‘innovative’ style commented that parishioners were ‘mesmerized,’ ‘terrified,’ and thoroughly ‘enthralled’ with the message given on that Sunday, and, even, asked if Fr. Christian could return in the future. Such encounters are a wonderful way in which to ease a path to full communion between Sister Churches.

All Saints will celebrate the Fall with its Annual Autumn Feast on September 16. Gathering at White...
Rock Community Center, the parish potluck will be an afternoon of relaxed conviviality. We will welcome the new parishioners who have joined All Saints in the last year, and laugh and feast into the early evening.

The Solemnity of All Saints is November 1, Wednesday, and will be celebrated with a High Mass and banquet. Members of the Diocese of the Northeast are invited to come to the celebration which will begin at 6:00 PM with the Mass.

See the website www.allsaintsnh.com for more information and directions.

Concord NH
Women's March 2017

Tuxedo, New York
Saint Elizabeth’s

Our summer was filled with lots of fun things to do. There were wonderful outdoor concerts in many neighboring communities as well as picnics, sporting events, farmers markets, beautiful garden tours, fairs & festivals, etc., for us to enjoy. This delightful time of year flew by all too quickly!

Our June lawn sale at St. Elizabeth’s was again a great success, thanks to our dedicated parish volunteers and the patronage of supportive friends and neighbors. Special thanks go out to Dot Schmidt and Betty Langberg, who co-chaired this big event.

We shared a lovely afternoon of fellowship at our parish picnic at St. Elizabeth’s in July. On a sadder note that month, we mourned the passing of one of our long-time parishioners, Bob Pallack. Bob’s ready smile, delightful sense of humor and willingness to lend a hand whenever needed will be sorely missed by all of us. We keep Bob’s wife, Linda, and their sons and families in our prayers, that God will bring them peace and comfort in the days ahead.

We don’t hold Sunday services during August, and our parishioners who aren’t away on vacation during that month enjoy visiting other local churches. This offers us a wonderful opportunity to share in worship and praise with fellow Christian friends and neighbors we don’t normally see on Sunday mornings.

We hope the St. Luke’s Camp staff and campers enjoyed a memorable August week filled with the Holy Spirit as they studied God’s word, worshipped together, and had fun participating in creative activities and team sports. We are truly thankful for all the camp volunteers who share their time and talents in doing God’s work for others – kudos to you! We look forward to reading all about this year’s camp experiences in the NEA newsletter.

We continue to pray for Fr. Bob Ley’s recovery from the stroke he suffered last year. We’ll be sharing a special luncheon with Fr. Bob, wife Pat and their family in September, to honor and recognize Fr. Bob for his many years of faithful service at St. Elizabeth’s. We’ll follow up with more news about this very special event in the next issue of the NEA.

In closing, I hope all of you had a great summer and take the time to appreciate the spectacular beauty that will be surrounding us in the upcoming months. Autumn is such a magnificent display of God’s handiwork – our God is an awesome God, indeed!

We look forward to seeing many of you at Synod in October. God’s blessings to all.

-----Ingrid Magar

Conway, N.H.
St. Margaret of Scotland

Greetings from St. Margaret’s. Well the summer is winding down but there are still lots more warm days ahead before the snow shovels and the boots have to come out. We happily welcomed back 2 of our snowbirds, Al and Noreen Frizelle, from Arizona.

It has been a fairly quiet summer, if a bit rainy, but sometimes no news is good news! Our Deacon, the Rev. Mr. Harry Wellsman, is back with us full time, and we are very pleased at that. Fr. Monroe recently announced he and Linda are expecting another grandchild, and of course, are over the moon with that good news as well. Our organist and choir director, Tracy Gardner, after a long and challenging recuperation, is back on her feet, literally, and playing the big organ up in the choir loft instead of the small substitute at the front of the congregation. Peter Thomas, our Senior Warden, is also back on Sundays, after also having some challenges following shoulder surgery. Dick Collupy, our Jr. Warden, has seen to the re-striping of the church parking lot, and it looks brand new out there. John Wilcox continues to do a wonderful job in our Memorial Garden, and the Altar Guild, headed by Rosemary Grigorovich-Barsky, and assisted by Carol Davis, Linda Monroe and Elaine Collupy, continue their very important and appreciated work. They make sure the altar linens are fresh, vestments are taken care of, and flowers are prepared for the altar.

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-----Ellen Wylie

Ann Wilcox and Mary Thomas of the Ladies Guild always make sure cards are sent out to those in the parish who are ill. So many in the church give of themselves on a regular basis that it would be impossible to adequately thank them all.

In August the funeral of Mr. Douglas Stratton was held at St. Margaret’s, with several women from the Ladies Guild organizing and preparing a lunch after the service. Mr. Stratton was interred in our Memorial Garden.

A five parish event was held in Alfred Maine on the 26th at the Notre Dame Monastery and Conference Center in Alfred, Maine. Fr. Monroe officiated at a Eucharist service, assisted by Deacons Harry Wellsman and Gary Drinkwater. Music was provided by our own organist, Tracy Gardner. A luncheon followed, by a spirited game of Bocce ball. I am told there were about 40 folks in attendance. This was a chance for fellowship and fun with some other parishes in the northeast. It was a weather perfect day, with great food prepared by the conference center staff. Folks also took advantage of the bakery at the Monastery.

St. Margaret’s is now looking forward to our annual yard sale over the Labor Day weekend. Already the undercroft is overflowing with “treasures” no longer needed by some, which, if history repeats itself, will be promptly snatched up by bargain hunters Saturday morning. This is also a great way to do some outreach, and we are always willing to take anyone who wishes on a tour of our charming little post and beam church, and offer information on the Anglican faith.

Regretfully, we said goodbye this week to Greg and Carol Davis, who are again relocating back to Florida after several years up in New England. They were a faithful presence at St. Margaret’s, and we will miss them. Those of us who head to Florida occasionally reminded them to keep their guest room ready!

We now look forward to the next change of seasons, and the gathering of the fall harvest. The abundance of the Lord never fails us. We wish all our Christian friends a bountiful and beautiful end of summer.

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White River Junction, Vermont
Trinity Anglican Church

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-----Allan Wylie
Dear St. Matthias and St. Peter's Church,

St. Luke's Camp next year!

Following are thank you notes from the Kennedy children. The positive impact of the St. Luke's Camp experience on our young people is immeasurable! Please begin planning to send your children to St. Luke's Camp next year!

Dear St. Matthias and St. Peter's Church,

Thank you for sending me to St. Luke's Camp in Camp Ashmere, Hinsdale MA. We learned an outstanding amount about God, Jesus, and Christianity itself. For one, I learned that you could learn about God and have fun doing it. At St. Luke's Camp, we did many fun activities such as The Great Watermelon Eating Contest where we had to eat a whole half of a watermelon without our hands. This year the whole camp had kind of a Star Wars theme. For example, the play was called "The Real Force," The play was about a bunch of campers for camp "Force be with You" watching a movie with an evil villain named Dart Bader (He likes it to be pronounced Bad-er.) which the campers made fun of and the villain himself appeared out of the screen and changed camp "Force be with You" to "Evil Empire Camp". But then St. Paul appeared and changed Dart Bader into a good person, and made many different movies from here on. This was not the only thing that was related to Star Wars, most of the games we played were based around this. This year Camp Ashmere took one step up and now has a water trampoline. Everyone at St. Luke's went on this and I'm pretty sure everyone liked it. Also, the Camp Ashmere staff was as nice as ever, making great food and being very kind to the campers. Also, I would like to thank St. Peter's and St. Matthias' Church for sending me and my sister Bridie to camp. All in all, I think this year's St. Luke's Camp was a great one.

Sincerely, Sean Kennedy-Wonneberger

James Dallman, RIP

Jim was a devoted parishioner at St. Matthias' in Mystic, CT. He became our Deacon around 2008 and then was called to the priesthood. He began his studies while in Mystic but then moved to WI to be with his son and his wife for the birth of their first child. He continued his studies and was ordained a Priest in the Reformed Episcopal Church where he fulfilled missionary and interim assignments in CT, WI, IA, and CO. Jim was a motorcycle ridin' cowboy priest who made time for everyone and blessed their lives with his humor, common sense and black and white view of the world. No gray areas for Jim—it was right or it was wrong. Jim was a down-to-earth soul who had no problem picking up a paint brush or a Prayer Book. He was a people's priest. He died at home on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, age 77. The Order for the Burial of the Dead with Holy Communion was celebrated by the Very Rev. Frank Levi at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 29, 2017, in Madison.

Pat Homola-Portuondo (edited)
Charlestown, NH
Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

We had a busy spring and summer at Good Shepherd. Lent was memorable with the celebration of a Passover Seder led by Rabbi Irving Luchans from Worcester, Massachusetts. A long-time friend of Bishop Marsh, Rabbi Luchans provided us with welcome insights into this important Jewish family ritual. On Rose Sunday, Bishop Marsh wore a new set of Rose-colored vestments that we have long hoped to acquire. We began Holy Week with a joyful Palm Sunday. In the afternoon, Fr. Art Bennett and Scott Chase distributed palms at several local nursing homes. During Holy Week we held our customary services of Tenebrae, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday with the Stations of the Cross. On Easter Even, we were joined by Fr. Stephen Rugg, who served as deacon of the Mass and chanted the Exsultet.

Our elderly furnace finally had to be shut down for the spring for repairs because of suspicious odors. This time, we decided to bring in an “independent” expert and not use the furnace man that our oil supplier sends us each year to clean the furnace. The good news, as reported by our Junior Warden, Phil Turner, is that with some relatively minor fixes, our existing furnace may last another 5 years or more. We also had a new chimney, installed to meet the local building code.

On the Third Sunday after Easter, Bishop Marsh admitted postulant Scott Chase as Subdeacon. Scott administered the chalice for the first time at this service. We held a little celebration with cake after the morning service to welcome Scott to his new liturgical role in the life of our parish.

In July, we held our fourth annual “Summer Thunder” Vacation Bible School (VBS) with the assistance of the Child Evangelism Fellowship of New Hampshire (CEF). The theme of VBS this year was “Discovering Jesus.” The kids became “detectives” and each day they discovered new clues from Holy Scriptures that led them to discover who Jesus is.

VBS was immediately followed by the annual Town-wide Yard Sale in Charlestown. We sold lemonade, books, and the contents of our vault (remember that our building was once a bank) that accumulated many sellable items over time. We were successful in making much needed room in the vault for articles from our overcrowded sacristy closet.

Our 17th century-style Morning Prayer services continued through the summer at the Fort at No. 4 with Fr. Art Bennett and Fr. David Moody alternating as precentors.

We look forward to a busy fall with a number of events: the Blessings of the Badges, led by Fr. Art; the annual town Harvest Walk to raise funds for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf; our annual parish retreat at Weston Priory in Vermont; a “Musical Thanksgiving to our Great God,” organized by Phil Turner with participation from our local churches; and the annual town interdenominational Thanksgivings Service.

God willing, we will see many of you at the Diocese of the Northeast Synod and the Joint Synod in Atlanta.

Blessings and love to all our friends in our sister churches

-----Submitted by the Rev. David W. Moody

West Seneca NY
Saint Nicholas Anglican Church

Summer greetings to you from Saint Nicholas’ Anglican Church in West Seneca, NY. Our Summer began in mid June as we celebrated Father’s Day welcoming Emma to our choir and said farewell to two other talented choir members as they both head off for college this fall. Anna Ziolkowski and Natalie Bucholtz contributed their combined vocal talents to our choir this year and we wish them both well in their continued vocal studies next year. Anna, Emma and Natalie pictured L-R.

Deacon Phillip Cunningham and Father Edward Ihde continued to support the congregation of Holy Cross in Webster over the past year and throughout the summer. The good news is that an interim priest, Father Robert Ludwig was appointed by our Bishop to take up the reins at Holy Cross Church beginning in September. This was an answer to many prayers and we wish Father Ludwig well as he embarks on this new task in God’s Kingdom.
The other good news is that Dr. Tom Stone was ordained to the diaconate at Holy Cross Church on June 17th by our Bishop, Brian Marsh. Deacon Stone will continue to help support that congregation from here on out. Our Lord has certainly blessed us with new clergy.

Speaking of clergy, Deacon Phillip Cunningham was ordained to the priesthood at Saint Nicholas on September 9th by Bishop ‘Hendy’ Webb. Nearly ninety souls (both parishioners and family members) came from far and wide to witness this wonderful event in the life of our church.

On board were our Chancellor, Walter Jones along with his son, Cameron as acolyte and of course his lovely wife (and photographer), Diane. Deacon Tom Stone was deacon of the mass and Father Robert Ludwig acted as the bishop’s chaplain. It was truly an inspirational day. One of the visiting clergy from the ACNA was heard to say it was the best ordination service he’d ever been to. Attending were visiting clergy from the Anglican Church in North America, The Church of England and the “Independent Anglican Church, Canada Synod 1934”

---Fr. Ed Ihde

RIP

C. James Cunningham, grandfather of newly ordained Fr. Phillip Cunningham, Age 89, passed from this life July 12, 2017.

Ellsworth, ME
St. Thomas

And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him (Matthew 13:47-52).

Our summer was relatively uneventful until Saturday 19 August. On that day, Subdeacon Leroy Weed, a beloved and longtime Saint Thomas member and Logos House graduate, was ordained into the diaconate by Bishop Brian R. Marsh, Ordinary of the DNE-ACA, assisted by Fr. Sam Logan, Fr. Edwin Kalish, Deacon Kevin Kelly (ordained at St. Thomas 30 May 2015), and Fr. Clay Gilley. Rev. Mr. Leroy A. Weed, Sr., a lifetime lobsterman and fisherman, was enthusiastically welcomed into his new role as Deacon by over fifty friends, relatives, and parish members. Bp. Marsh fittingly pointed out that Deacon Weed, as a former fisherman upon the waters, is now a fisher of men.

Bp. Marsh was reminded there are perks with coming to Maine when Dcn. Weed presented a gift of fresh lobster meat to him. Needless to say, Bp. Marsh covered it with ice for the long trip back to
MA and hopefully enjoyed the tasty reminder of where he had been and what he had done.

Following the service, a reception was held at China Hill Restaurant in Ellsworth, where friends, family, and parish members celebrated the blessed event with Dcn. Weed and his lovely wife Dorothy. Deo Gratias!

St. Thomas has been enjoying the return of our snowbirds, however brief their returns may or may not be, along with the return of annual and new summer visitors. It won’t be long before the congregation’s size shrinks once again, but our hearts will remain full from having been able to worship and share with others. And, we will be ready with open arms when they return next year.

Our parish priest, Fr. Kalish, continues his graduate-level theological studies at Nashotah House, his hospice work, Wednesday night Evening Prayer and Bible study, and tending to his St. Thomas flock. He and his amazingly helpful and involved wife, Linda, are preparing to attend National Synod and our diocesan Synod.

As we enter God’s season of color and slower pace in Maine, we pray for those who are facing the staggering challenges that go along with wildfires, hurricanes, earthquakes, and personal medical or life issues. Each crisis reminds us to turn to and follow Him, and to do unto others as we would want done unto us.

Until next time,

-----Valerie Brown McCadden, Clerk

Logos House of Theological Studies

For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 3:13

Logos House students continue their studies, some in our Deacon Track, some in our Deaconess Track, and some in our Priest Track. In the past month three new students began studying with us; one in the Priest Track, one to study Ancient Latin and Ancient Greek, and another who is beginning studies in the Deacon Track while still in the discernment stage. In August, two diaconate students successfully completed their studies and are now prepared for and scheduled for their canonicals.

One of our long-time students, Sub-Deacon Leroy Weed, was ordained into the diaconate on 19 August by Bishop Brian R. Marsh, Ordinary of the DNE-ACA, at St. Thomas Traditional Anglican Church in Ellsworth, Maine. Rev. Mr. Leroy A. Weed, Sr., a lifetime lobsterman and fisherman, was enthusiastically welcomed into his new role as Deacon. During the ordination, Bp. Marsh fittingly pointed out that Deacon Weed, as a former fisherman upon the waters, is now a fisher of men. Deacon Weed began his studies with the late Rev. Canon Granville V. Henthorne, founder and first President of Logos House, and continued his studies despite an assortment of health and life challenges. Deacon Weed exemplifies the type of student that defines the mission of Logos House and inspires us to continue casting our proverbial net to working, or financially limited, or retired men and women who have discerned the call to serve.

We congratulate Deacon Weed as he begins his ministry, and welcome our newest students as they begin their studies towards meeting the service to which each has been called.

Logos House will have a table at the Georgia Synod in October. We look forward to presenting our unique educational mission to attendees.

---------------Valerie Brown McCadden

Ordination at Mechanic Falls

September 23, 2017, Dcn Gary Drinkwater was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood in the church he and three others planted just a year ago (see Miracle on Elm Street. page 10). There are now over 30 members and there were about 100 in attendance that day.

The bell on the front lawn was sounded and from the magnificent pipe organ came forth a prelude, after which the processional hymn was sung. It was a comparatively simple yet profoundly solemn service. Subdeacon Steve Bunnell acted as acolyte and read the Epistle, Fr. Mirabile read the Gospel, Fr. Monroe took the role of bishop’s chaplain and Fr. Logan presented Dcn Drinkwater for ordination.

Bishop Marsh preached the sermon, speaking of recommendations he might have written as a high school teacher, one favorable and one not, and wondered what qualifications our Lord saw in his twelve chosen men and what he expected of them. It is faithfulness to which we are called, all of us, and especially our priests.

The next words spoken were the powerful exhortation in the Prayerbook Ordinal and the
ordination proceeded, the three priests assisting the bishop as he laid on hands and a new priest was among us. The Eucharist was offered. We received the Body and Blood of Christ, and afterwards went forward for Fr. Gary’s first blessing.

A luncheon followed and a good time of Christian fellowship.

**2017 Joint Synods**

*This editor’s observations of the remarkable coming together of the Anglican Church in America (ACA), the Anglican Catholic Church (ACC), the Anglican Province of America (APA), and the Diocese of the Holy Cross (DHC), in Atlanta the first week in October.*

**Monday.** I arrived at the Crowne Plaza Hotel after two planes and a lot of walking, had dinner with Fr. Merrill and settled into the room he had so graciously allowed me to share.

**Tuesday.** Said Morning Prayer (shortened form) and Mass were held in a well-set up provisional church at the hotel. Bishop Paul Hewett (DHC) presided from his chair as one of his priests celebrated and two others assisted. Clergy and laity from all four jurisdictions (including ACC delegates from the UK and from Africa) plus guests received Communion today. A wonderful sight. The arrangement was that one of the jurisdictions was in charge of services each day. ACC had their turn on Monday, which I missed.

I sat in on our (ACA) Executive Council meeting as an observer. It was mostly very routine church business, but the awareness of the momentous purpose of this meeting was before everyone’s eyes. Bishop Marsh began by speaking of these things, later giving an account of how it came to be that we were coming together after all the years of worsening separation. In the afternoon session (which I missed) there was a discussion of, “What comes next?” of how the practical differences might be handled as we draw closer together and approach a full unity. There was prayer for Puerto Rico and thought of how to help this nearly demolished island in the wake of the recent hurricanes through IAF.

For me, among the most moving experiences were to tour the various exhibitors selling prayer-books and promoting a wide variety of ministries (even one giving away surplus books from St. Vladimir’s Seminary), and to interact with fellow Anglicans from various jurisdictions and from around the world. We may currently be divided in some visible ways, but the unity of spirit shown in this meeting is impressive and heartwarming. I was blessed to meet face-to-face some of my online acquaintances.

Evening Prayer (led by DHC) was a simple unified time of worship for a roomful of Anglicans. More fellowship and cementing of bonds at a reception afterwards. Among the people I got to talk with were Bishop Owen Williams, formerly my rector and a suffragan bishop in our diocese, now bishop of the Diocese of the West. I had dinner with Jan Mahood of the 1928 Prayer Book Alliance, and so ended a long and enjoyable day.

**Wednesday.** Morning Prayer and Mass with hymns, this morning led by APA, Bishop Chandler Jones (who visited our diocese for Bp. Webb’s con-
The Walter Killian medal for distinguished secration) celebrating, assisted by five priests and Dcn. Al Ryan (formerly of our St. Paul’s, Portland).

This was the day of our (ACA) General Synod which I was able to attend as observer and reporter, sitting in the midst of delegates from our dioceses of the Northeast, Eastern US, Missouri Valley, and the West. The Diocese of Puerto Rico was not represented due to the horrendous hurricane damage the island had recently suffered. That situation was discussed, including the matter of sending aid (see our bishop’s appeal elsewhere in this issue), and prayers were offered. According to the limited communication possible it would seem that our people are OK, but little else is. The devastation is extreme, and pretty much everything is needed. Please pray, and please consider giving.

We were also honored by the visit, as observers, of two bishops from the Charismatic Episcopal Church, yet another of the sadly separated jurisdictions, though not one of the four coming together this week.

The more-or-less routine business of the National Church went forward as smoothly as I’ve come to expect during the years I’ve been with ACA, and the same spirit seems to be evident in all the participating jurisdictions. The prospect for true reunion looks more promising all the time. There were a couple of canonical and constitutional changes made, one (leaving aside technicalities) to allow us to elect Bishop Marsh for a third three-year term to continue the work toward unity, and another to clarify the right of deacons to serve as clergy delegates. The upshot of this, ironically, is that our own Deacon Mark Black, whose right to vote was at least questionable at the start of Synod, was able to be elected President of the House of Clergy.

There was considerable discussion of theological education and of freeing up funds intended for brick-and-mortar seminaries for support of the study of individuals preparing for ministry, and this was approved the following day.

The Walter Killian medal for distinguished service by a lay person was presented today to Janie Llewellyn Burgett of the Diocese of the Missouri Valley.

Evensong was conducted by Bishop Giffin of APA, and later in the evening many of the delegates made their way, most hitching rides with the few present with cars, to nearby St. Barnabas APA, where Bishop Jones and his choir (under direction of retired Bishop Daren Williams) conducted Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The service was well-done and very meditative, the music was excellent, and in the reception afterwards, with wine and various delectables, the parish surely honored the delegates.

**Thursday.** Today was ACA’s turn to lead worship. Morning Prayer and Mass was conducted by Bishop Marsh, assisted by Bishop Strawn (Diocese of Missouri Valley) and several priests.

After breakfast was the final session of ACA’s General Synod. Sadly, Deacon Mark Black had to leave suddenly as his wife had suffered a heart attack. Prayers were offered. At last report she was improving.

A banner of the ACA shield was hanging on the podium. It had been made by Fr. Drinkwater, who plans to make others available for a reasonable cost.

There was discussion of other jurisdictions, beyond the four that organized this meeting. Could they be involved in this process? The Episcopal Missionary Church under Bishop Millsap had actually inquired. The current four had worked hard and developed close bonds, so that it was felt premature to do so, but rather to let further involvement develop a bit more gradually, but, yes, that is the ultimate objective.

We are entering intercommunion with one another, which means our sacraments and ministry are mutually recognized and interchangeable, that clergy and people can pass (when circumstances require) from one jurisdiction to another, and also that we will cease to be in competition with one another. It’s a start, but it’s not yet the full union that is the ultimate objective. There are a lot of practical details that will take time and effort to iron out.

Fr. Mirabile made an interesting proposal that Bishop Marsh promised to bring up to the other primates. It was for development of a single website, linked to all four existing sites to share common information, including church locations, which he jokingly referred to as, “One website to rule them all,” which, of course is not what it would be, but rather a single site to serve them all.

Deaconesses were discussed, with the note that there are two candidates now under training, after many years in which there have been none. This is not an ordained ministry, but is an opportunity for women to be pledged and recognized to the service of the Church. This editor believes that we impoverish ourselves when we do not use the gifts God has given to many of our women.

Reports were given from the various dioceses, honest reports reflecting both the joys and struggles of the dioceses. There are always challenges, but God is always with His people. I am impressed to observe that the business of our church is always
bathed in prayer, and these reports are no exception. There were prayers for Fr. Ludwig (DNE) who had a heart attack, for St. Mary’s in Hollywood (DOW) which is still in the midst of ugly legal battles, for Bishop Vaughn (DEUS) who was ill and could not attend Synod, and for Puerto Rico in the aftermath of the hurricane. Still, our jurisdiction is in good health, and the work goes forward, including the good news that Sun Star, our Lakota Indian mission on the reservation in South Dakota, is being revived.

With a number of courtesy resolutions our Synod adjourned, but tomorrow awaits, with the exciting culmination of what brought us all together.

Choral Evensong was led by Bishops Owen Williams and Hendy Webb. It was so good to hear Bp. William’s clear chanting voice once again.

The evening ended with the Synod Banquet with the Rev. George Clendenin as guest speaker and musical entertainment by Bishop George Langberg. A good evening, by George!

Fr. Clendenin, a prominent participant in the St. Louis meeting forty years ago, reviewed the history of how we got where we are and where we are after the proverbial forty years in the wilderness. In conclusion he challenged us to look to antiquity, to hold to the faith once delivered to the saints, and to resist the pull of secular thinking.

My reaction:

**The Call**

To be faithful,
to cling to what is right,
to seem to fail,
to surrender what the world can give,
to hold what is right,
to take up a cross,
to fail,
but, in failing, to win.

**Friday.** This was the day we were all waiting for, the reason the four bodies had come together to have their own separate meetings in the same place at the same time. The week had prepared us well. The huge room was filled with clergy and lay members of four Anglican jurisdictions, now informally known as the G-4 churches, with a considerable number of visitor/observers, who had come to know one another and who came with a common goal. All eyes turned to the platform where, in front of the altar bearing the 40-year-old frontal from the St. Louis Congress, four bishops sat together at a table, Our Bishop Marsh, Arch-

bishop Mark Haverland from ACC, Archbishop Walter Grundorf of APA, and Bishop Paul Hewett of DHC. One by one they signed the document of full intercommunion, pledging to work toward a yet fuller unity, **AND IT WAS DONE!** The house stood. There was applause, along with some cheers, and suddenly the familiar doxology was being sung strongly and loudly. We dispersed briefly so things could be set up for the Mass, and reassembled for triumphant worship.

Words fail to describe the magnificent procession as the bishops and their assistants came down the long aisle. The G-4 primates all participated, Bishop Marsh, as president of the group, presiding at the throne, Bishop Hewett celebrating, Archbishop Haverland assisting as Deacon of the Mass, and Archbishop Grundorf preaching. There were more ‘pointy hats’ in that place that day than I could manage to count. The hymns and other music, the beautiful words of the Anglican liturgy, the throngs of enthusiastic worshipers, and the very encouraging sermon were wonderful, but above all was the sense that God is indeed well pleased, that Jesus was indeed in our midst, just as he promised. You know, though there were hundreds in attendance, what came to my mind was that He said, “When two or three come together...” and this day was a gathering of four. Surely the presence of the Lord was in that place. May we continue to walk with Him together.

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ed pacht, editor, reporter
Recipe for a Fun-Filled ACA Youth Camp Experience
-- By Diane S. and Cameron Jones

In a very, very large bowl, in a galaxy far, far away, place:
- 1 camp director/counselor
- 5 adult counselors
- 1 junior counselor
- 9 campers
- 1 bishop
- 1 beautiful lake
- 1 100-year-old Christian camp site
  in the Berkshire Mountains
- 1 week in August
- 1 original play by 1 original bishop
- 1 fun camp theme

Add:
- 6 Morning Prayer services
- 5 celebrations of Holy Eucharist
- 5 play rehearsals
- 1 Stump-the-Bishop competition
- 10 classes/lessons
- 17 wholesome meals
- 10 creative art-craft-props-costumes-T-shirts-lightsaber-making sessions
- 5 boating & swimming sessions
- 1 low-ropes course
- 1 Great Watermelon Eating Challenge
- 15 games and team-building activities
- 2 water-blaster fights
- 1 Jedi-Toe-Training session
- 1 talent show
- 1 campfire with S'mores
- 2 movie nights with popcorn
- 1 play performance
  ("May the Real Force be with You")

Mix well after each addition. Sprinkle with love and friendship and laughter and The Real Force.

Bake for 6 days in a 40 to 80 degree environment, with varying amounts of sunshine and rain.

Yield: 10 Happy Campers with a Christian Attitude (and 6 thoroughly exhausted but happy and fulfilled senior counselors)

[Note: See the letters on page 14. There will be a fuller account and pictures of camp in the December issue]
Bishop Marsh on Stewardship

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

This pastoral letter comes to you with every good wish for your parish church. Especially now, as we celebrate the Michaelmas season, we are most aware of the angels in our midst, the messengers from God who bring us words of spiritual comfort and understanding. St. Michael is the perfect example of an angelic messenger; he protects God's people from spiritual destruction. In a similar way, we are called upon to protect and care for our own parishes and missions. It is through the strength and commitment of our churches that we teach the true faith.

Our churches provide safe havens for the faithful. Our churches offer protection from the forces that would overthrow the teachings of God. Our churches are necessary, particularly for a world that seems at times to lack a clear direction and moral focus. We all refer to our parish churches as “our church.” We can’t help it. Our parish churches are indeed ours. They are our spiritual homes. But we must never forget that the church belongs to God. We are the stewards of His church here on earth. It is here that we come to meet God, to share fellowship with His faithful people and to learn of his great love and sacrifice for us all.

We all have a responsibility, as stewards of God's Holy Church. And I have asked the Wardens of each parish and mission in the Diocese of the Northeast to read and distribute this letter to you all. Stewardship has everything to do with how we value God's gifts to us. God has given us everything we have. Truly, every good gift comes from God. How do we repay all that we have received from the loving God who has created us and sustains us? In reality, we can never fully repay all that we have been given. Even so, as Christians are called to return as much as we can to the God who has given us all. I ask that you all consider prayerfully how you may provide for your parish and mission in the Diocese of the Northeast to increase our work.

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The world needs the work of God's church. That work is truly ours. As your diocesan bishop, I am always profoundly moved when I witness those parishes and individuals who support God's Holy Church. From the abundance they have received from God, they give back a portion of what they have received. It is our privilege and responsibility to give with humility and joy to the God who has given His all for us.

Your Brother in Christ, +Brian

Puerto Rico Appeal

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you all know, Puerto Rico has sustained a direct hit from Hurricane Maria. The island has suffered considerable damage. Power has been lost throughout the entire island. Attempts to reach Bishop Garcia by phone, email and text have gone unanswered.

While it is too soon to assess the losses, they are doubtless considerable. The International Anglican Fellowship stands ready to assist in the relief effort, especially to Bishop Garcia, his people and parishes. Anyone who wishes to support the recovery effort, particularly as they relate to our parishes in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, may send contributions to Ev Lischke, 1760 Red Crow Road, Victor, Montana 59875. Several of you have suggested that Samaritan's Purse is an excellent way to ensure donations are properly distributed. Samaritan's Purse also maintains very modest administrative overhead.

Above all, your prayers are requested. Prayer is a vital part of our work and ministry. We believe that God does indeed answer our prayers.

"O God, merciful and compassionate, who art ever ready to hear the prayers of those who put their trust in thee; Graciously hearken to us who call upon thee, and grant us thy help in this our need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Your Brother in Christ, +Brian

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Maine
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My list is woefully incomplete and probably inaccurate. Please help me get it right. ed.

Sep
08 - Fr. Kevin LaMarre OSB, P 2001
10 - Fr Rich Dibble, D 2000
20 - Bp. Owen Williams, birthday
24 – Dcn, Mark Black, birthday 1969

Oct
05 - Bp George Langberg, birthday
12 - Fr. James Ayers, birthday
12 - Dcn Harry Wellman Birthday
16 – Fr. Frank Bartlett, birthday
17 - Fr. James Dumond, birthday
17 – Fr. Ed Ihde, P 2012
19 – Fr. Alexander Webb birthday 1951
25 - Fr Rich Dibble, birthday
25 - Bro Dcn Ignatius OSB, D 2003
28 - Fr. Neville Braithwaite P 1979

Nov
05 – Fr. Frank Grey, birthday
07 - Bp Brian Marsh, birthday
23 – Fr. David Moody, birthday 1937

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Deadline for submissions will be around November15.